

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

What a busy week last week was, as we showed the Education Review Office what a great school we have. The ERO Team's feedback was very positive and highlighted the excellent learning environment that our pupils enjoy, the great results that our pupils achieve and the strong positive relationships that permeate our school.

You will receive more information on this report when the BOT get it's final written document. Over the next two weeks our pupils will be going on two outings. This week the Year One to Six pupils will be attending the Catholic Schools Fun Sports Day in Dunedin, this takes place of the old St Patrick's Day sports. Next week the senior class will have their annual rafting day on the Taieri finishing at Outram Glen.

A lot of debate has gone in recently to decide what is a worthwhile education?

Is it purely academic, as measured against National Standards? Most people acknowledge that being able to read, write and perform mathematical tasks up to a certain level are vital in the modern world to achieve in life, but to go further we feel our pupils deserve more opportunities to express themselves as individuals: be it in the Arts, the field of sports or in the spiritual aspects of life.

As a Catholic school we are in a unique position to be able to discuss with our pupils these greater ideas and to stimulate rather than to settle for mediocrity.

As Felix Adlers said "An optimist is a person who sees only the lights in the picture, where as a pessimist sees only the shadows". An idealist however, is one who sees the light and the shadows, but in addition see something else, the possibility of changing the picture, of making the light prevail over the shadows.

Have a great week, Mike Brosnahan.

Congratulations to all the St Mary's children who competed in the Weet-Bix Tryathlon at the weekend



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Dates for 2012

March

Thursday 22nd	Catholic Schools' Fun Sports
Friday 23rd	Assembly Room 6, 2.20pm
Monday 26th	Otago Anniversary Day—school closed
Tuesday 27th	Room 7 Rafting Trip
April 5th	Easter Assembly—End of Term 1
Monday 23rd	Beginning of Term 2
Wednesday 25th	ANZAC Day—school closed

A thought for the week...

Never have ideas about children and never have ideas for them. DH Lawrence.

Altar Servers Sunday 25th March

Michaela Sutherland, Anahera Reynolds & Paige O'Brien.

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Loving God, you wait for us in every moment and every experience of our day. As Lent progresses, make us more aware of your unconditional love for us. Help us to be more vulnerable to one another, more open to one another's needs, and more open to your gift of yourself to us. We open our hearts to you. Remind us to trust you, especially when we are fearful. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

ICAS Examinations 2012

If you are interested in your child/ren being involved in any of the ICAS examinations from the University of New South Wales please come and see Mrs Baines, in Room 7, by Thursday **22nd March** for details.

The subjects available are Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling & Writing. Children must be Year 4 or older and there is a cost of \$7.50 per child for each examination.

School Bank Account

If you wish to pay directly into the school's bank account please put the child's name that you are paying for in the reference box.

The account number is
ASB 123196 0004102 00
St Mary's School Mosgiel

Note—the old Westpac account is now closed

PTA News

Congratulations to Jacquie Dodson who is the President of the PTA this year.

Friends of the School PTA—Helpers Wanted!

We are putting together a list of helpful parents who are unable to join the PTA but would like to help out at some of our fundraising events without having to come to the meetings!

If you would like to join this list please email or call Pauline at the school office, thank you.

Entertainment Books

It is Entertainment book time of year again!

This year the book is bigger and better with many more local attractions included.

The price of the book is \$55 and the school keeps \$11 per book. Please let your family and friends know we are selling these books as the more we sell the more money we raise for our school.

Entertainment books will be sent home in the last week of this term.

Please remember that last year's book is still valid!

If you wish to pre-order and pay I can give you a sweetener of a free page of vouchers!

Pre-order can be made at the school office.

Jacquie Dodson is organising the E books this year.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ushering – Forsyth Barr Stadium

There is an opportunity for St Mary's to raise money by ushering at the Stadium.

We would be requested periodically to cover some events held at the Forsyth Barr Stadium.

Armourguard then makes a donation to the school PTA based on how many people have worked and the hours involved.

We would need to provide names of at least ten or more people to Armourguard who organise this on behalf of the Stadium. There is a short training session for those who have not done this before which is also arranged by Armourguard.

People who are interested to donate their time can leave their names with Pauline at the school office.

You will be contacted before the event to see if you are available that weekend.

Thanks, Alison O'Neill, PTA member.



**Touch Played
on Monday**



Winter Sports Information Due in This Thursday!



If you are interested in your child playing a winter sport for St Mary's School we offer the following sports over winter, the prices are an indication as these are to be confirmed by the organisations.

Miniball for Yr 3 to Yr 6, this is held on a Monday for the Yr3/4 grades and Tuesday for Yr5/6, after school at Memorial Park Stadium. Cost is about \$15.

Basketball for Year 7/8, this is held at the Edgar Centre on a Monday after school. Cost is about \$55, as this includes the Edgar Centre entry fee.

Hockey for Yr 1 to Yr 8, this is held at Brooklands Park (opposite St Mary's School on Church St), every Saturday morning. Cost is about \$25.

Netball For Year 3 to Yr8, this is held at the Taieri College courts off Green Street, every Saturday morning. Cost is about \$25.

More details about these sports will be available as it gets closer to the season starting.

Please register by this Thursday 22nd March if you wish your child to play any of these sports, and if you are interested in coaching your child's team.

Full in this form or reply by email with all your child's details. This way we can get our teams sorted according to availability of coaches and players.

Child's Name _____

DOB _____

Sport(s) I wish to play _____

I am available to coach a sports team **Yes / No**

Sport Type: _____

Signed by Parent _____

St Mary's School Monogram

If you wish to have a jersey or polarfleece jacket monogrammed, please leave these at the school office by the end of term.

We will send these away over the holidays to have the monogram put on.

This usually costs \$10 per jersey, and will be put on your child's school account.

Please make sure you have the jersey well named.



Taieri Hockey

Taieri hockey are looking for an assistant for Garry who runs the hockey on a Saturday morning.

This could be one person or a group of people who are happy to help Garry with the smooth running of our local competition.

Contact Pauline at the school office if you think you could lend a hand.

Catholic Schools' Fun Sports

—This Thursday 22nd March

The Catholic School Sports Fun morning for Rooms 1—Room 6.

The children will need to come dressed for sport, in their school sports tops, blue shorts, running shoes and sun hat.

We will leave by bus for the Dunedin Rugby Club grounds at 9am and return to school at lunch time.

Please see your child's class teacher if you can help with supervision, thank you.

